



התקן עצמך בפרוזדור...בדי שתכנס לטרקלין

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*Our educational approach is expressed in our choice of school name; To keep in mind the classical תורה perspective of this world being the place where we prepare for the greater future.*

# WELCOME

Mesivta Sha'arei Pruzdor is a מקום תורה dedicated to providing an inspired Yeshiva education and a superior General Studies program. Both meticulously designed tracks are taught with excitement, warmth, and a passion for growth. Our mission is to create an all encompassing four-year educational plan towards achieving these goals - amongst others:

## Torah Life

MSP offers an inspirational approach towards understanding, relating to, and loving מצוות. There is a special focus on שבתות טובים and שבת. We have incorporated a weekly שבת program preparing the boys for the הכנה through singing and דברי תורה, as they form an exciting opportunity for connection to ה'.

תפילה is taught as a skill to gain a meaningful relationship with ה'.

עמלה בתורה is stressed - Not as a mental exercise or subject, but as a path towards דביקות בה'.

## Skills and Knowledge

At MSP our focus is on giving each student the skill set he needs to navigate through his learning with enjoyment, comprehension, and clarity. These tools will help him throughout his life - long after graduation.

In the realm of General Studies, we offer a high level of education to prepare our students for the future.

It is one of MSP's goals that our graduates be proficient in both the realm of תורה study and in General Studies as well.

## Patterns of Success

Our educational philosophy is to set small attainable goals for our students in all areas, giving them a sense of accomplishment and building their self confidence.

We aim to uncover each students' inner greatness and build on it to inspire them to use their strengths to its fullest. We celebrate their weekly goals and prepare for the next weeks successes.



# FACULTY & STAFF

*"The secret in education lies in respecting the student." –Ralph Waldo Emerson*

In MSP we value the importance of having Rebbeim and teachers who are well educated and bring forth a staunch dedication to support our students. Our teachers are all incredible in their field of studies and ensure every student is learning in the way they need to succeed.

Our Rebbeim and teachers firmly believe that education can only happen when there is a strong relationship in place first and they extend themselves in and out of the classroom.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Mesivta Sha'arei Pruzdor is dedicated to actualizing and maximizing the potential of each students' path towards his Avodas Hashem and life preparedness. By creating tangible goals which the students will consistently and enthusiastically achieve, we will instill a foundation that will produce true Torah strong Jews capable of excelling in all walks of life.*



## DAILY SCHEDULE

### EXTRA CURRICULAR

In MSP we believe that above all, students need to have a chance to become part of a team, a family in fact. Our basketball team is a perfect way for our students to learn how to depend on one another, each going towards the same goal. We are always adding new activities to our program to benefit our students. We very much believe that volunteer work benefits the students as much as the recipient and incorporate this into our curriculum. We have instituted a boot camp style physical education which instills self esteem and strength of character besides for the physical excersize. We encourage our students to use their talents - in music and in other creative ways throughout the year.

8:00- SHACHARIS  
(Followed by breakfast)

9:30 - מוסר

10:00 - סדר עיון

11:00 - BREAK

11:15 - חומש/הלכה

11:55 - LUNCH

12:50 - SECOND סדר

1:20 - מנחה

1:30 - BREAK

1:40 - PERIOD ONE

2:20 - PERIOD TWO

3:00 - BREAK

3:40 - PERIOD THREE

4:20 - PERIOD FOUR

5:00 - DISMISSAL (TUES & WED)

5:15 - DINNER (MON & THURS)

6:00 - NIGHT סדר

7:15 - מעריב

# LIMUDEI KODESH

## גמרא בעיון

Our **תלמידים** study a challenging **מסכתא** each year with the 4 year goal of learning the skills necessary to “make a leining” on **ראשונים** and other major **ראשונים** and **אחרונים**. The **תלמידים** are trained to analyze the implication of each word and explore the conceptual underpinnings of the **סוגיה**. The **תלמידים** prepare for and review the shiur together with **חברותות** and are tested weekly.

## גמרא בקיאות

Our goal is for each **תלמיד** not merely to finish, but to master the **מסכתא**. The **תלמידים** take regular **בכירות** on **דפים** and periodically on entire **פרקים**.

## הלכה

Every day there is a seder in the **הלכה**. Our goal is to make the **הלכה** relevant to their every day lives. We focus on preparing them for **ימים טובים** and other every day **מצוה** fulfillment.

## חומש

Every day, the **תלמידים** learn the **פרשת השבוע** with **רשי**. Each **שעור** highlights how the **חומש** should inform and inspire our daily **עבודת ה'**. Additionally, Rabbi Merenstein rotates among the classes giving **שעור** in core areas of the **חומש** focusing on **אמונה** and the character traits of key **תורה** personalities.

## Night סדר

During night **סדר**, on Monday and Thursday nights, we are privileged to have Rabbi Moshe Don Kestenbaum, our **משגיח** lead the **תלמידים** in a **חבורה**-style learning. Together they learn Rabbi Kestenbaums' **עולם המידות ספר**. Rabbi Kestenbaum is there to give one-on-one **הדרכה** to the boys and the relationship is one that is valued by all.

## תפילה

shiur is a once a week highlight given by Rabbi Merenstein to the entire school together. It's an interactive class which slowly insitills an appreciation and understanding of **תפילה**.

# GENERAL STUDIES

**We in MSP pride ourselves in giving an education in alignment with the NYS graduation requirements. We help the students ace their Regents exams in each subject and offer new classes to get our students ready for college and give them skills for the future.**

## Mathematics

The math program is designed to meet students' needs within the wide range of their math backgrounds. In all courses, students are given the opportunity to work at a comfortable yet challenging level. All students are exposed to all the necessary requirements for success in college math. Ninth graders begin with Algebra I and then move on to Geometry in tenth grade. Eleventh graders study Algebra II. The math department is current with the math

topics covered in the ACT and the new SAT, and will adjust as necessary.

## English

English courses are designed to help students develop critical reading and writing skills and the ability to write clearly and correctly. Students are exposed to the best of classical and contemporary literature as well as articles and works of non-fiction. The primary focus of the department, is on writing and communication skills.

## Science

Students study Biology in ninth grade, Chemistry in tenth grade, and Physics in eleventh grade. Students in the honor sections of these classes are prepared to

take an SAT subject test in June. Our goal is to move beyond the facts and figures presented in the textbooks and to teach our students to be critical thinkers.

## History

The history program is designed to help students understand how we came to be as twenty-first century Jews, Americans, Westerners, and citizens of the world. Throughout the history curriculum. Students begin with Ancient & Classical History in ninth grade, move on to a two-year sequence in American History (which includes, when appropriate, both the AP Exam and the SAT subject test), and then study Modern European History in twelfth grade.

